

November 15, 1907

Ms. Victoria J. Rutson  
Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E. Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Ms. Rutson:

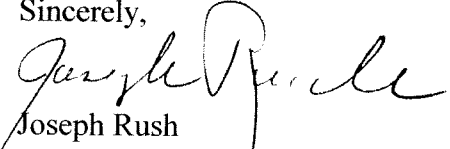
It is my understanding that the Canadian National Railway is in the process of trying to purchase the E.J.&E Railway company. The purchase would profoundly effect the entire well being of the Barrington Community. Auto traffic during peak times of the day is deplorable at present and would only become more so if 15 or more trains are added to the present daily schedule. The added train traffic not only would have a negative impact on the commuting work force, which represents 50% or more of the adult work force in Barrington, but would also be a negative effect on the desirability to live in the Barrington area. This obviously would lower home values, be less attractive to new business, medium and small manufacturing, and the general service industry. The net effective in a very short time would mean a less effective tax base to maintain a growing and vibrant community.

As a working professional photographer and owner of Langdon's of Barrington since 1975, I have been in a position to watch our community grow and develop into the very desirable place to live and work. My wife and I own a home at 560 S. Division in Barrington about one mile from E.J.&E's crossing on Rt. 12 and the Lake Cook crossing, which is main street in Barrington. I am also serving as a board member for the second time on the Barrington Area Chamber of Commerce and have served one term as chairman of that organization.

As you can see, Canadian National's purchase would present a major multiplicity of problems for the community. Please consider the impact this transaction would have on our community. Exam this proposal carefully and completely before you make a finding.

Thank you for your attention to the above.

Sincerely,

  
Joseph Rush  
Owner Langdon's of Barrington